



Charlestown State Park Spring Wildflower Hikes



With Naturalist at Heart Jean Merritt



APRIL 12, 2:00 PM, TRAIL 1

Meet in the Trail 1 parking lot. Trail 1 is a rugged 2.4 miles with many limestone outcroppings harboring some of our most beautiful spring wildflowers. There will be many good photo opportunities.

APRIL 19, 2:00 PM, TRAIL 6

Meet by the boat ramp to hike trail 6 in search of spring ephemerals. Ephemerals are early blooming and short lasting wildflowers. Trail conditions are rugged (2.3 miles). We will also pass by ancient lime kilns and the old Charlestown Landing. The lime kilns are remnants of one of the earliest industries in Clark County. The first part of the trail is easy and level, those who want a short hike can turn around before climbing the ridge.

APRIL 26, 2:00 PM, TRAIL 5

Meet at the trail 5 overflow parking lot just outside the camping area gate house. Trail 5 is a moderate 1.8 miles. We will hike to an overlook on 14 Mile Creek and should see many wildflowers along the way, such as Wild Hyacinth (*Camassia scilloides*), and Rue Anemone (*Thalictrioideis*).



MAY 3, 2:00 PM, TRAIL 2

Meet in the trail 2 parking lot. Trail 2 is a moderate 1.4 miles. We will be passing scenic views of cascading waterfalls as we check out the many wildflowers and ferns.



MAY 10, 2:00 PM, TRAIL 4

Meet at the trail 3&4 parking lot. This is a rugged trail going through mixed hardwoods with views of fourteen mile creek. We'll be looking for the later ephemerals and ferns.

The Park fee is \$5 for Indiana vehicles and \$7 for out of state vehicles. Annual park passes are available.

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